



Scottish & Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation

MEMBER SERVICES FACT SHEET



APPROVED CERTIFIER OF CONSTRUCTION SCHEME -

(DRAINAGE, PLUMBING AND HEATING)

The Scottish Government's Approved Certifier of Construction Scheme allows individuals to self-certify work which is carried out under a Building Warrant. This "self-certification" is an alternate to using local authority building standards inspectors.

The SNIPEF Approved Certifier of Construction Scheme covers drainage, heating and plumbing work (including all micro-renewables) and members of the scheme are able to issue certificates on completion of work which **MUST** be accepted by local authorities.

Work covered by the Scheme:

- Above and below ground drainage
- Unvented systems
- Gas appliances (above and below 70kw)
- Solid fuel appliances
- Oil appliances
- Solar thermal panels and heat pumps
- Oil tanks

Joining the Scheme

To join the Scheme, individuals (Approved Certifiers of Construction) must be employed by a business (Approved Body) who is a member of the Plumbing Industry Licensing Scheme (which is operated by SNIPEF) or who meets the Licensing Scheme criteria.

Approved Certifiers must be qualified at either Advanced or Technician craftsmen level and hold appropriate qualifications for the scope of work they wish to certify. e.g. ACS Gas etc

Application forms to join the scheme are available from the SNIPEF website.

Costs

Approved Body fee - SNIPEF member **£0**, Non-member £350 plus VAT per year.

Approved Certifier of Construction fee - £50 plus VAT per year.

KEY BENEFITS IN BECOMING AN APPROVED CERTIFIER OF CONSTRUCTION:

- **You will be able to "Self Certify" (as long as you have demonstrated your technical competency) above or below ground drainage, heating installations (gas, oil and solid fuel appliances), unvented systems, micro-renewables (biomass, solar and heat pumps) and electrical work associated with any of these installations, where such work is subject to a building warrant.**
- **Local Authority Building Standards Departments (now known as Verifiers) cannot refuse to accept a Certificate of Construction issued by an Approved Certifier of Construction and nor can they ask to inspect work which has been certified by an Approved Certifier.**
- **You will be able to use a logo which will contain the Scottish Government logo and which will indicate that you are a Scottish Government "Approved" contractor.**
- **You will appear on the Scottish Government Approved Certifier website.**

For more information or assistance call our Membership Services team on **0131 556 0600**